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SUMMARY: AL DAWA CRITICIZES U.S. SEX AND SADAT'S
OPEN DOOR, WHILE CONTINUING DIATRIBE AGAINST NEGOTIATED
SETTLEMENT WITH ISRAEL. MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD'S MONTHLY
GIVES NO INDICATION OF CHANGING COURSE OR LOWERING TONE.
PRESENCE OF ARTICLES BY PROMINENT EGYPTIANS IN MONTHLY
INDICATES THEY, AT LEAST, PERCEIVE SOME BENEFIT IN MAIN-
TAINING IKHWANI CONNECTION. END SUMMARY.

1. SEX-RIDDEN AMERICA. COVER STORY OF THIS MONTH'S
MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD'S AL DAWA IS LURID ACCOUNT OF U.S.
SEX PRACTICES ENTITLED "FALL OF AMERICAN SOCIETY." STORY
PRESENTED IN HIGHLY COLORED TERMS CERTAIN TO OFFEND
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CONSERVATIVE READERSHIP. U.S. SOCIETY COMES OFF AS SEX-
RIDDEN AND DEGENERATE, WITH IMPLICATION THAT EGYPT FACES
DANGER OF CONTAMINATION.

2. OPEN DOOR. AL DAWA WARNS IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR EGYPT TO
IMPORT ONLY FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY AND HARDWARE. IDEAS
AND PHILOSOPHIES WHICH WILL CHANGE NATURE OF EGYPTIAN

SOCIETY INEVITABLY WILL ACCOMPANY THEM. THIS PARTICULARLY TRUE FOR FILM AND TV INDUSTRIES. ASIDE FROM OPEN DOOR, MAGAZINE COMPLAINS GOVERNMENT HAS FAILED CONTROL PRICES AND HAS NO ECONOMIC PLAN. FAILURE PROSECUTE CORRUPTION CASES ALSO HIT; AL DAWA NOTES PROSECUTOR CHARGED WITH INVESTIGATIONS IS SAME INDIVIDUAL WHO PERSECUTED MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD EARLIER.

3. PEACE PROCESS. EDITOR-IN-CHIEF TALMACANI ISSUED USUAL DIATRIBE AGAINST ISRAEL AND NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AND CALLED ON ARAB GOVERNMENTS TO REFRAIN FROM ACTS WHICH WOULD RECOGNIZE ISRAEL AND MAKE ISRAELI PRESENCE IN PALESTINE LEGITIMATE. TALMACANI URGED ARABS NOT SIGN PEACE TREATY GIVING ISRAELIS "ONE PARTICLE OF PALESTINIAN LAND." RATHER, ARABS SHOULD STRENGTHEN THEMSELVES FOR "DECISIVE DAY." IN THIS REGARD, TALMACANI ADVISED READERS NOT TO BE DISCOURAGED BY BIG POWER OPPOSITION. MOSCOW ALWAYS SIDES WITH JEWS AGAINST ARABS; WASHINGTON WILL ALWAYS SUPPORT ZIONSITS.

4. COMMENT: DESPITE CRACKDOWN ON PUBLIC DISSENT, AL DAWA CONTINUES GIVE NO INDICATION IT CHANGING COURSE OR LOWERING TONE. PRESENCE OF ARTICLES BY PROMINENT EGYPTIANS (INCLUDING PRESIDENT OF STATE COUNCIL) INDICATES THEY PERCEIVE NO DRAWBACK IN IKHWANI CONNECTION. EILTS

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